

CLHA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 11th 2019

Board Members:

*(in attendance= *italics)*

- *President-Jason Aarnio*
- *Vice President-Chris Phelps*
- *Secretary-Sarah Dassner*
- *Treasurer-Sara Nelson*
- *ACE Coordinator-Brady Peterson*
- *Director of Operations / Equipment-Joe Tharaldson*
- *Director of Business Operations-Corey Hansen*

Additional Board Members:

Advisor-Jen Starkey
**Assistant Treasurer-Kristen White*
Registrar-Sara Johnson
**Web Coordinator-Matt Raykowski*
**In-House Tournament Director-Jon Shandley*
**Fundraising Coordinator-Jamie Kelley*
**Outdoor Ice Coordinator-Tony Schulte*
**Ice Schedule Coordinator-Deb Axtman*
**Director of Youth Hockey-Tyson Anderson*
Director of Girls Hockey-Wade Westlund
Mite Director-Pat LeVasseur
**Goalie Coordinator-Geoff Pawlenty*
Team Manager Coordinator-Audrey Edson
SKATE Coordinator-Robin Aherns
DIBS Coordinator-Tara Jacobson

AGENDA:

- Call to Order: 7:02
- Review of Agenda: 7:03
- Review/approval of last meeting minutes: 7:03
 - Motion: Phelps
 - Second: Hansen
- Treasurer's Report and Association bills to be paid: 7:04
 - Motion: Brady
 - Second: Phelps

- New Business:
 1. Review updated description of in-house and traveling Mite programs – Will table final review until March Meeting 7:05-7:36
 - Additions need to be included for U8
 - Upper level mites have been approved for up to 6 full-ice games
 - Mississippi 8 has recommended avoiding Saturday games for all HS teams
 - Chisago AD didn't consult with Boys HS coaches
 - Boys have 2 Saturday games, Schwans Cup tournament and one additional Saturday game
 - North Branch avoided Saturdays within conference games
 - Difficult for Slettom to rent out ice on Saturday evenings if HS doesn't play, CLHA teams have games so ice doesn't make revenue
 - There are multiple week days when association teams don't touch the ice
 - We will need to load up practices and games on Saturdays
 - We can take advantage of opportunity to host tournaments
 - CLHA would like to lock in blocks of time for all levels after HS schedule is finalized
 - We can arrange schedules around blocks that are available
 - We should consider asking CLHA families to write letter to AD voicing concerns, can be brought up at next school board meeting
 - Next year will be last year for NB HS, then they will form co-op with St. Francis
 - Excess funds in account can be allocated to finding additional ice (helping Shafer outdoor rink, or adding outdoor rink on-site)
 - Goal should be to avoid conflicts between in-house and travel games
 - Additional goal to be self-funded mite program
 - Would like to put some travel team practice day during the week to open up Saturday for more games
 - Also add jamboree for 1st grade mini-mites
 - Draft format will be moved to the mite program like the mini-mites
 - A few families have vocally shown interest in travel-only (no in-house)
 - It is important to keep the in-house for the small number of players that don't do travel
 - Opens door for kids who may not play for CLHA
 - Generates revenue for the in-house players

- We could we offer a travel-only option for “A Mite” level teams with evaluations, fees would be similar to Squirts – consider for a later year
 - May look at making in-house teams travel teams also, even if some players don’t participate in the travel games
 - Logistics need to be figured out for next season to get schedule to work out better – can make improvements for next season and reassess
- 2. Vote on new board appointed in-house mite manager, non-voting position, reporting to mite director 7:36-7:39
 - Vote on description at March meeting
 - Sarah D. to send out 2 weeks prior
 - Board-appointed positions will be appointed at April meeting
- 3. Jersey Discussion 7:39-7:49
 - Deadline for early registration to choose own number for first jersey order
 - Older player gets priority to keep same number
 - Communication should take place early in the season so parents know the process
 - Odd/even numbers will be implemented for new players based on birth year
 - Order will be placed for less-used numbers to keep in association
 - We will need to order more socks of specific sizes
 - Joe will create flowchart to determine which players need new jerseys and/or socks
 - We should be able to have jerseys for all players in time for pictures
 - Sara J is meeting with SE rep to discuss issues with registration questionnaire
 - Rental Return – will be set up in dryland room on Feb 24th
 - DIBS will be added
 - Review helmets for expiration
 - Review bags for good condition
 - Parent will fill out tag with player name after bag is verified that all contents are in bag
 - Easier to purchase entire set rather than piece sets together
- 4. Request Colleen and Scott (D10 President) to be at next board meeting – *Pending discussion at D10 Presidents' Meeting 7:49-7:57*
 - Colleen and Scott not asked to be here
 - Jason was able to get Peewee fine reduced
 - Girls were still fined for Oval tournament because it was not a sanctioned tournament and the girls wore D10 jerseys

- Multiple D10 teams participated and were fined
 - If not a MN Hockey sanctioned event, not covered by USA Hockey insurance
 - Teams still want to participate and associations will agree to be fined
 - Or remove patches from old jerseys or provide practice jerseys
 - There is a waiver from D10 that can be signed by parents
5. Mite Jamboree 7:57-8:15
- T-shirt vendor is coming and already has pre-order
 - Tattoo vendor, possibly personalized mugs
 - DIBS
 - 90 minute concession shifts
 - Clock operator
 - Chuck-a-puck
 - RedKey Realty Hot Dog Eating Championship
 - Sourcing our own hotdogs and buns through Brinks
 - Every time someone eats a hot dog they put a sticker on the team
 - Winning team gets a trophy
 - We will know Thursday if there will be one or two HS section games
 - Forest Lake does not want to play Friday at 5:00 (too early) – Deb can move game times to 5:30, 6:40, and 7:50, or move games earlier Saturday morning
 - Sarah D. to re-send Raffle Donation Email to association and team managers, add Corey's email address and Jamie's work email
 - Can have different colored tickets for higher value items
6. Annual Elections – open positions 8:15-9:30
- Voting – Up for Re-election
 - VP-Phelps
 - Secretary-Dassner
 - Hockey Director-Brady
 - Director of Business Ops-Corey
 - Non-Voting – Up for Re-election
 - Registrar-Sara J
 - DOGH-Wade
 - Asst Treasurer-Kristen W
 - Tournament Director-Shandley
 - Fundraising Coordinator-Jamie Kelly
 - Goalie Coordinator-Geoff P
 - Ice Scheduler-Deb Axtman

- Mite Director-Levasseur
 - SKATE Coordinator-Robin
 - DIBS Coordinator-Tara Jacobson
- NOT up for Re-election
 - President-Aarnio
 - Outdoor Ice Coordinator-Tony
 - DOYH-Tyson
 - Treasurer-Sara N
- Director of Youth Hockey and Director of Girls Hockey should be voting positions, Hockey Director (ACE Coordinator) position can be eliminated, DoYH and DoGH positions can be overseen by VP – since all disciplinary issues are dealt with by VP, DoGH and DoYH need to roll up to a higher level
 - Coaches go up to level coordinators, who go up to DoGH and DoYH, who go up to VP, then to President. Make DoGH and DoYH voting positions and eliminate ACE coordinator position, move Director of Operations to non-voting position
 - All current board members are in agreement with changes, as long as there are 7 voting members
 - Final voting on bylaw change will take place at March meeting, changes to be sent out to association by March 6th
 - Ice scheduler could be moved to reporting to Treasurer
 - If Girls Director and Youth Director are voting positions, they are mandated to attend board meetings
 - If we want to change any positions, we need to change descriptions of roles and responsibilities
 - This proposed change was a recommendation from the previous board
 - DoGH and DoYH are elected positions to allow association opportunity to vote for representation
- Equipment director (Director of Operations) shouldn't be voting position
- Financial/budget decisions need to be voted on by entire board, other decisions should be able to be made by hockey committee

7. Girls Discussion

- Communication needs to be better for girls
- Girls Director should have a vote to voice the opinion for the girls
- U10 girls had 106 goals against because they lost the top 4 girls to U10A
- Without Co-op, we would not have enough girls for a team
- We needed to bridge the gap from 2 years ago (girls played for Centennial)

- Projections: 12U – 13, 10U – 13, returning and moving up
 - Possible 15U team with girls not playing JV next year
 - Brady believes that we have the numbers for a Chisago only team, but need to waive girls out if they want to play Centennial A level
 - 5 U12 girls will play with boys if we don't have coop
- U10 teams would have been better off playing B2 or C level, but would have been playing in District 2
- In-house mites was a disaster for the girls
 - Girls should not have been combined with the boys for in-house

8. Level Discussion

- PW B2 team only won 1 game
- Should CLHA play at C level – parents may be upset at beginning of season
- Every 3rd grader should be playing B mites (not C mites) – will be changed next season
- Squirt scrimmage showed that there were 6-7 clear C players, remaining kids on team were closer to B1 level
- Tried to even out teams with both first vs. second year, as well as top vs. bottom scores
- If players miss a tryout session, they will get placed on lower team because of scores
- Would have been better off with B1, B2, and C Squirt teams
- Need to be careful making level decision with girls because we can't afford to lose them – needs to be addressed with feedback from parents
- Difficulty finding coaches (parent-volunteer and non-parent-paid)
 - Will be a fee increase to have more paid coaches
- PW B2 team had numbers reduced because of D10 mandated numbers
 - B2 does not go to Regions or 90 minute games, so higher numbers are needed for A team

- Old Business:

- Open Forum:

Agenda for following month:

1. Review updated description of in-house and traveling Mite programs – Final Review

2. Vote on bylaw update for description of new board appointed in-house mite manager, non-voting position, reporting to mite director
 - Board-appointed positions will be appointed at April meeting

3. Voting on bylaw changes:
 - Director of Youth Hockey and Director of Girls Hockey change to voting positions
 - Eliminate Hockey Director (ACE Coordinator) position
 - DoYH and DoGH positions report to VP
 - Move Director of Operations to non-voting position
 - Ice scheduler could be moved to reporting to Treasurer

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30